

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 771

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate head coach Joe Sims and the Clay County High School Lady Bulldogs basketball team on winning the 2011-2012 TSSAA Division 1-A State Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Clay County High School Lady Bulldogs basketball team is one such estimable team. The Lady Bulldogs recently won the 2011-2012 TSSAA Division 1-A Basketball State Tournament Championship, posting an outstanding record of twenty-seven wins and nine losses during the season; and

WHEREAS, after advancing to the state tournament championship game at the Murphy Center on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University, Clay County High School captured the Division I-A State Girls' Basketball Championship for the first time in school history with a resounding 60-39 triumph over the team from Jackson County High School; and

WHEREAS, leading Jackson County from the first blow of the whistle, the Lady Bulldogs soundly defeated their opponents in a decisive performance and secured the state championship trophy; and

WHEREAS, the championship game was highlighted by the outstanding performance of Clay County's Sydney Roach, who posted ten points, made five assists, and had three steals, earning her the Most Valuable Player honors for the state tournament; and

WHEREAS, senior guard Mackenzie Hamilton also scored twenty points; Casey Cooper posted eleven points and ten rebounds, her second double-double of the state tournament; and

Allie Brown added ten points, greatly contributing to the Lady Bulldogs' state championship victory; and

WHEREAS, the young women of the 2011-2012 Clay County School Lady Bulldogs basketball team have displayed ability, teamwork, and perseverance. The members of this extraordinary championship team are: Sydney Roach, Emma Ogletree, Allie Brown, Mackenzie Hamilton, Casey Cooper, Tess Hatcher, Alex Grace, Mattie Monroe, Hannah Ogletree, Alesha Copas, Ashley Owens, Ruby Richards, Olivia Copeland, Kalona Meadows, Chelsea Copass, Kennedy Smith, and Hope Roach; and

WHEREAS, the leadership and passion for the game of head coach Joe Sims and assistant coach Farrah Wood are without peer. Coach Sims's precepts of playing tenacious defense, controlling the ball on offense, and limiting mistakes were perfectly on display during the Lady Bulldogs' run to the championship; and

WHEREAS, the team is especially grateful for the invaluable support of its managers, Jana Key, Jordan Manley, Wyneshia Spears, and Karlie Watson; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout the season, the members of the Clay County High School Lady Bulldogs basketball team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a memorable championship season, but also surely point toward their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of its athletic teams that have succeeded both on the court and in the classroom and this magnificent team performed with precision during the season, earning its well-deserved reputation for high standards of athletic achievement, the quality of its play, and competitive spirit; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the coaching staff and members of the

Clay County High School Lady Bulldogs basketball team upon winning the 2011-2012 TSSAA Division 1-A State Championship and wish them continued success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.